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TAGS: PFOR, PROP, XX, UR

SUBJ: FINALE OF LENINGRAD PEACE CONFERENCE

REF: LENINGRAD 1833, 1839, 1841

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: LENINGRAD PEACE CONFERENCE ENDED ITS LABORS NOVEMBER 24 WITH A FINAL BURST OF BALLYHOO. ROMESH CHANDRI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF PEACE WAS AWARDED THE ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP OF PEOPLES AND THUS STANDS TIT FOR TAT IN EXCHANGE FOR GIVING BREZHNEV THE FOLIOT-CURIE GOLD MEDAL OF PEACE. THE CONFERENCE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A MASS CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT FOR THE 1975 STOCKHOLM APPEAL FOR DISARMAMENT AND ENDING THE ARMS RACE. END SUMMARY.

2. AMIDST PLENTY OF SNOW AND VERBIAGE, THE LENINGRAD PEACE CONFERENCE CONCLUDED ITS 5 DAY SPLASH ON NOV 24 WITH FINAL SESSIONS AND AN EVENING RECEPTION AT THE TAURIDE PALACE. THE CAST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE FINAL SESSION WAS THE SAME AS FOR THE FIRST (LENINGRAD 1839) AS CONFERENCE LUMINARIES MADE THEIR LAST GESTURES IN SUPPORT OF DETENTE, DISARMAMENT, PEACE AND GOOD WILL. LENINGRAD OBLAST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY (AND CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO) G.V. ROMANOV AWARDED ROMESH CHANDRI, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF PEACE, THE ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP OF PEOPLES, WHILE SOVIET PRESS AND PROPAGANDA ORGANS CONTINUE TO GIVE RAVE NOTICES TO BREZHNEV'S EARLIER RECEIPT OF GOLD MEDAL OF PEACE.

3. CSCE RECEIVED CONTINUING PRAISE AT CONCLUDING SESSION. ROMANOV HAD SWEET WORDS FOR BREZHNEV IN CONNECTION WITH LATTER'S RECEIPT OF GOLD MEDAL. HE SAID "AN EMINENT POLITICAL FIGURE OF THE PRESENT, A PERSON DISPLAYING ENORMOUS ENERGY AND TIRELESSNESS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EASING TENSIONS, INSURING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES AND PEOPLES--THIS IS HOW LEONID IL'ICH BREZHNEV IS KNOWN ON ALL CONTINENTS." ROMESH CHANDRI LATER OBSERVED THAT IT WAS THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF THE USSR THAT IT BECAME POSSIBLE TO HOLD CSCE.

4. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF FINAL SESSION NOTED "DECISIVE SUPPORT" EXPRESSED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES

OF PEACE MOVEMENT FROM ANGOLA, PORTUGAL, CHILE, AND  
NEAR EAST FOR RESOLUTIONS EXPRESSING BROTHERLY SOLIDARITY

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WITH PEOPLES FIGHTING FOR THEIR NATIONAL RIGHTS, FREEDOM  
AND INDEPENDENCE, REBUFFING INTRIGUES OF IMPERIALISTS.  
CONFERENCE CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING VIGILANCE OF PEOPLES  
AGAINST ACTS OF AGGRESSION AND THE NEW CENTERS OF TENSION  
CREATED BY IMPERIALISM IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE WORLD.

5. AMONG FINAL SPEAKERS WAS JAMES HART, DESCRIBED AS  
AMERICAN TRADE UNION LEADER, WHOSE WORDS WERE ONLY ONES IN  
PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS OF CONFERENCE SPECIFICALLY CRITICAL OF  
U.S. HART WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT EIGHT MILLION  
AMERICANS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT "IN VAIN," AND THAT EVEN A  
PARTIAL DECREASE IN MILITARY EXPENDITURES WOULD PROVIDE MORE  
JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED, EXPAND POSSIBILITIES TO RECEIVE  
EDUCATION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

6. CONFERENCE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR MASS  
CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT FOR JUNE 1975 STOCKHOLM APPEAL FOR  
DISARMAMENT AND ENDING ARMS RACE. LEAVING NOTHING OUT,  
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WERE INCLUDED IN COMPREHENSIVE  
ENUMERATION OF THOSE CIRCLES WHICH WERE CALLED ON TO  
SUPPORT THE NEW MOVEMENT FOR PEACE. WORLD COUNCIL OF PEACE  
ACTION PROGRAM FOR 1976, ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE, WAS  
DESCRIBED AS HAVING AS ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW STOCKHOLM MOVEMENT TOWARD  
STOPPING ARMS RACE, TOWARD DISARMAMENT AND STRENGTHENING  
PROCESS OF DETENTE.

7. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT CENTRAL PRAVDA FOR NOV 25  
EXTENDS PRAISE OF BREZHNEV BEYOND THAT OF ROMANOV'S, WHICH  
REPORTED BOTH HERE AND IN CENTRAL PRAVDA. NAMELY,  
CENTRAL PRAVDA PIECE CLOSES WITH FINAL REFERENCE TO OTHER  
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS' EXPRESSION OF "FEELING OF DEEP  
SATISFACTION IN CONNECTION WITH AWARD TO BREZHNEV, THE  
TIRELESS, CONSISTENT AND STEADFAST FIGHTER FOR PEACE,  
OF HIGHEST AWARD OF WORLD COUNCIL OF PEACE." IZVESTIYA  
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ALSO ELABORATED ON SEVERAL ASPECTS OF FINAL SESSIONS WHICH WERE NOT MENTIONED IN LENINGRAD PRESS ACCOUNTS. THESE INCLUDED EMPHASIS ON CONFERENCE'S ANTI-IMPERIALIST CHARACTER AND SOME LAST WORDS OF DAMNATION FOR THE CHINESE.

8. FYI FINNISH CONSUL GENERAL IN LENINGRAD, WHO ATTENDED OPENING PLENARY SESSION OF CONFERENCE, TOLD US THAT ROMESH CHANDRI MENTIONED SECRETARY KISSINGER BY NAME IN CONTEXT OF REMARKS ON MIDDLE EAST, CHANDRI SAYING THAT SECRETARY'S PARTIAL APPROACH WAS NOT WAY TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF AREAS. THESE REMARKS DID NOT APPEAR IN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF OPENING SESSION.  
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